

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

There is a mule plowing contest at Landmark Park right away and reading about it this week gave us a spark of "let me show those folks how to plow a mule." However reading further they will be judging on straight furrows, depth of furrow, etc. and what little mule plowing we did in the garden didn't result in such neat rows. It seems we were either not putting enough pressure on the plow stock, too much pressure or worse... it's uneven pressure on the handles which resulted in the plow point going either left or right and/or out of the ground. We were always the only one accepting the opinion that it was "the mule's fault." Maybe in a few more years our memory will fade a bit more and thus our garden rows will be straighter. Then someone else can carry the fertilizer sack across our beautiful 'straight as an arrow rows'!

An Alabama mother fighting in the Middle East with the U.S. military lost her son last week to a drive by shooting. By all accounts this was a nice young man, with dreams of making something good of his life. He was just on the wrong street corner at the right time. A quote attributed to the mother questioned if the war at home was any better than the one she was fighting in Iraq. Of course we know it is better here... right now, but the random killings are getting more frequent here at home. No one person can change this trend but as a civilized country "we" can make a difference. Somehow there is a huge segment of our population which feels slighted or unfairly left out and are harboring a growing, ever deepening bitterness. Some of these people have gotten the idea that society owes them... well owes them something they don't have today. Unless we can turn that way of thinking around, any other efforts at improvement will be as effective as the little Dutch boy of our childhood story books sticking his finger in a leaking dike.

The Republicans have apparently selected their candidate for president on the November ballot. Senator John McCain reportedly has enough pledged delegates to tie up the nomination in August. Not so with the Democrats. They have two candidates still going toe-to-toe for every single delegate. Neither Senator Clinton nor Senator Obama has enough pledged delegates to be declared the nominee. Frightened party leaders are facing the reality of a disastrous results over the issue of the Florida and Michigan delegates. Those two states violated Democratic party rules and were told (in advance) that their delegates (and votes) would not be considered at the Democratic convention. Both the leading candidates signed pledges with the national party to not politic in either of those states. Now it appears that the two states which were not considered will ultimately decide the Democratic nominee. Of course the party could do as their Alabama Democratic party leaders did some years ago when they threw out the popular vote nominee and put in their own favorite... Bill Buckley. Alabama voters returned the favor by electing a Republican, Guy Hunt, who, well less than qualified for the position and was ultimately impeached for the mishandling, or misapplying, of some campaign funds.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 3, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one suspicious person, one public intoxication, five for harassing communications, three for criminal trespassing, three for theft of property, one assault, two for burglary, one ID theft, four for domestic violence, one r menacing, one criminal possession of a forged instrument, one possession of marijuana, one mental case, two for failure to pay, two for harassment, one theft by deception and one found property.

The following arrests were made: one assault, one public intoxication, three for negotiating a worthless non-negotiable instrument, three for failure to appear and one possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: 10 for speeding, 24 for violation of the seat belt law, seven for a suspended driver's license, one expired driver's license, one violation of the child restraint law, one revoked driver's license, three for no insurance, four for no proof of insurance and one violation of the noise ordinance.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, MARCH 3 - Coffee County EMS to Dorsey Trailers (12:57 p.m.); Coffee County EMS to 5345 Hwy. 125 (5:24 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (6:20 p.m.); Wreck reported on Claxton Ave. near Peoples Bank (6:42 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at 522 E. Davis St. (8:10 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at 391 Brunson Circle (8:49 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at

March 31, 2008, is the final date for producers to request Nonrecourse Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) for 2007 crop honey, barley, canola, oats, and wheat through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Nonrecourse Marketing Assistance Loans and LDPs are available for 2007 crop corn,

grain sorghum, soybeans, safeflower seeds, and upland cotton until May 31, 2008.

David W. Eaddy, County Executive Director of the Coffee County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Service Center Office said, "Marketing assistance loans provide producers interim financing at harvest time to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities

when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows."

To be eligible for marketing assistance loans and LDPs, producers must:

- comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements
- report the use of the crop-land acreage
- have beneficial interest in the commodity on the date the

Elba Chamber of Commerce presents...
Business of the Month for March
Factory Connection

The Elba Chamber of Commerce recognizes Factory Connection as the "Business of the Month" for March.

Factory Connection is a chain of 220 stores located in 11 states throughout the Southeast region. Jacqueline Luckett serves as manager of the Elba store, and she has worked at the local store for 3 1/2 years.

Factory Connection also has buyers from the local home office located in Albertville, Ala., to visit cities such as New York and Los Angeles to make sure the local community is able to style the latest fashions and name brands that are on market. The Elba store has a complete line of Juniors, Missy, Plus, Mens, Shoes, Accessories and Purses all at discount prices.

Elba's Factory Connection is located on Alabama Hwy. 203 across from Fred's. Operation hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Contact numbers are 897-1933 (Elba store) or 888-713-3984 (home office).

"We have brands you love for less," said Luckett.



Jacqueline Luckett serves as manager of the Elba location of Factory Connection.

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TO REPORT A CRIME REMAIN ANONYMOUS

Note of Thanks

Please accept our deepest gratitude for your prayers for us and our family following the tornado that hit Union Baptist University last month. Our oldest daughter, Marion, is a student and we are thankful to God for her physical protection. Thank you for your generous financial assistance that will help her replace some of the material things that she lost. Knowing there are people in the states who were able to rise up to help Marion when we could not be there is a great comfort. Please express our thanks to everyone involved.

His servants in Huaraz, Peru,
Carolyn and Keith Hocutt

If "You Got People"
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Alabama Counties - \$24 per year - including tax
6 months - \$13
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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

EDWIN HART

Mr. Edwin Allen Hart, age 80, of the Damascus Community, died Friday, March 7, 2008.

Funeral services were held March 11, 2008 at Damascus Baptist Church with Rev. Hubert McWaters officiating. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Home Baptist Church Cemetery with Providence Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Hart was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, Shannon Hart.

Survivors include his wife: Maudine Hart, Damascus; his daughter: Sally Ann (husband Ricky) Danford, Damascus; two sons: Allen (wife Debbie) Hart, Damascus; Raymond (wife Cathy) Hart, Ozark, Ala.; his sister: Rudyne Messick (husband Cecil), Ozark, Ala.; his daughter: Sally Ann (husband Wade) Danford, Randolph (Bettie), Heath Danford, Brooke Cavanaugh (Ray), Amanda

Zorn (Gid), Jonathan Hart, Daniel Hart and Katelyn Hart; and five great-grandchildren: Preston Danford, Corey Cavanaugh, Trey Cavanaugh, Brady Cavanaugh and Madison McKinney.

• ensure that the commodities meet Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) minimum grade and quality standards.

The 2002 Act sets national average loan rates. Local loan rates are based on each commodity's national average loan rate; however, they: (1) vary by county, (2) are based on the county area where the commodity is stored, and (3) may be adjusted by CCC with premiums and discounts to reflect quality factors.

For more details regarding loans and LDPs, contact the local FSA Service Center Office.

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Mr. Kelvin Kurk Threadgill, age 44, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008.

Funeral services were held March 8, 2008 at J.E. Hobbs Elementary, Camden, Ala. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Threadgill was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Threadgill.

Survivors include his parents: Jimmy Jack and Patricia J. Threadgill, Darlington, Ala.; companion, Mary D. Burnside; six children: Christal, Chad and Daniel Burnside, DeAndre Well, Honesty Davis and Michelle Barnes, three sisters: Jackie Simms, Sarah (Jeffery) Fiffie and Sophia Threadgill; four brothers: Sylvester (Diane) Jenkins, Nathaniel, Napoleon, and Timothy Threadgill.

Mr. Threadgill was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Boswell Clark.

LIFESTYLES & CHURCH NEWS



Annette, Trevor and Adrian Farlowe, Sue Neuwien and Leigh Cassidy work together to plant a 20 ft. Red Maple to provide shade for the Farlowe's new home.

Flower Lovers Garden Club plant trees in honor of Arbor Day

Leigh Cassidy and Sue Neuwien, members of the Enterprise "Flower Lovers" Garden Club, planted 3 trees at the home of the Farlowe family in honor of Arbor Day and the anniversary of the March 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howard Prescott celebrate 50th wedding anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Prescott

Gordon Howard and Marise Prescott were honored with a 50th wedding anniversary dinner at Ruth's Chris on February 18.

Pea River historical & Genealogical Society to meet March 16th

Chief James Wright of the Ma-Chris Tribe of Lower Creek Indians will present the next Pea River Historical & Genealogical Society program at the March 16 (Sunday) meeting. It will be held at 2:00 p.m. in Room 100 Talmadge, Hall of Enterprise Ozark Community College.

Ladies Power lunch planned for March 25th

Ladies Power Lunch will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, in the Enterprise First Baptist Fellowship Hall from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m.

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Dodd-Lindsey wedding set for Saturday, March 15th

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dodd request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Melinda Gail to Mr. Jason Alton Lindsey on Saturday, the 15th of March at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon at Covenant Community Church, Elba, Alabama.

Harrison-Wicker wedding to be held Saturday March 15th

Ms. Gail Harrison and Mr. Larry Wicker will be united in marriage Saturday, March 15th at 5:00 in the evening at Friendship Holiness Church.

All friends and family are invited to attend.



Johnna Payge Stahr

Johnna Payge Stahr is two years old

Johnna Payge Stahr, of Jack, turned 2 years old on Sunday March 2. She celebrated her birthday with a small party at her Oma's house in Caryville, Fla. Those who attended were her Mommy and Daddy (Ben and Sherry Stahr), her Bubba (Damian), Granddaddy (Darel Corley), Oma (Andrea Honaker), Aunt Simone, Nia, and Gregory Jr. The theme of her party was Alabama with a beautiful Johnna received many gifts. All in all it was a wonderful day.

The 2008 annual Eufaula Pilgrimage-Alabama's Oldest Tour of Historic Homes set for April 4, 5 & 6

The Eufaula Heritage Association will host the 43rd Annual Pilgrimage on April 4, 5 & 6, 2008. The Pilgrimage, which is an annual event, was first held in 1965 and attracts thousands of visitors each year.

Nestled on the banks of the Chattahoochee River at the junction of U.S. Highway 431 and 82 at the Georgia border, Eufaula is home to the second largest historic district in Alabama and has over 700 structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a picturesque and thriving town, noted for its Southern hospitality and its beautiful Greek Revival and Italianate mansions that bear witness to its settlers' early prosperity. Lovely Queen

Free "Concerts at the Studio" to be held in Troy

The Troy-Pike Cultural Arts Center will present two free concerts this spring as part of the "Concerts at the Studio" series. Both performances will feature soloists and groups from Troy University's John M. Long School of Music.

On Monday, March 24th at 7:30 PM, the "School of Music Showcase" will feature several outstanding student soloists. On Monday, April 7th at 7:30 PM, the program will highlight School of Music ensembles including the Southeast Alabama Brass Company, the Troy University Trumpet



Miss Prater and Mr. Collins to be united in marriage on Saturday, May 17th

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gaston Prater of Opp, Ala. announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Rayne Prater, to Brett Collins of Birmingham, Ala., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Collins of Gulf Shores, Ala. The marriage will take place May 17th at 5:30 p.m. at Sweet Gum Bottom Bed and Breakfast.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Winslow and Mavis Matthews and Frances Prater and the late

Watoto children's choir to present "Concert of Hope" at John's Chapel A.M.E.

The Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda Africa will present a "Concert of Hope" at John's Chapel A.M.E. Church, 841 Geneva Highway, Enterprise, on Monday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m. The African drums resound and the children sing and dance in their brilliant Ugandan costumes, with radiant smiles on their faces!

Watoto means "The Children". Since 1994 Watoto Children's Choirs have toured internationally spreading a message of hope for Africa's children. Watoto is a holistic program targeted toward meeting the essential needs of parentless children. At Accompanied by a small team of adults, Watoto's

performance will be a blend of native African rhythms, contemporary gospel music and African dance. These children are among the more than 2 million children in Uganda that have had the tragic and life-altering experience of losing one or both of their parents to the AIDS virus or to war. Now, through their lively and inspiring performances, the Watoto Children's Choir shares their unique experiences, as well as their newfound joy and hope, which thrill and dazzle audiences everywhere!

For more information, call John's Chapel A.M.E. Church at 393-2661.

Life at sunset to tell their stories in the popular dramatization of Tales of the Tomb. You can participate in our evening Ghost Walk, where you will meet some unforgettable former citizens of Eufaula.

Choose among 7 daytime homes, 4 candlelight homes and fragrant gardens to tour, visit the Antique Show and Sale and the Needlepoint Exhibit. At the Art Show and Sale, in the heart of the Seth Lane Historic District, will be some of the South's most treasured artists exhibiting their works. Enjoy an afternoon tea or a picnic on the porch at sunset. Visit historic Fairview Cemetery where both famous and notorious residents "come to life" at sunset to tell their stories in the popular dramatization of *Tales of the Tomb*. You can participate in our evening Ghost Walk, where you will meet some unforgettable former citizens of Eufaula.

Tour hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. central time Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours are 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. central time. Group rates are available for groups of 15 or more.

For further information visit the website at www.eufaulapilgrimage.com

Ensembles and the Troy University Clarinet Choir.

These concerts are offered as gifts to the community and are free and open to the public.

Space is provided by the Troy-Pike Cultural Arts Center, and music by the Troy University Long School of Music.

Directions: The Cultural Arts Studio is located at 301 E. Walnut Street in downtown Troy, directly behind the Troy-Pike Cultural Arts Center, and music by the Troy University Long School of Music.

Burnout shower to be given for David & Joni White

A burn-out shower for David and Joni White, who recently lost their home and belongings in a fire, will be held Saturday, March 15th, from 2-3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Whitewater Baptist Church. Whitewater is located at 4301 Highway 125, Elba, Ala. Many different types of house wares are needed. Colors that complement their décor are beige, light brown, and medium green. The stove is a regular electric model. Recipes are also welcomed to be given. All gifts will be appreciated.

Revival services planned at Goodman Baptist Church

Goodman Baptist Church invites everyone to revival services beginning March 12 and lasting through Sunday, March 16th.

Service time Wednesday - Saturday will be 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 16 service will begin at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Sammy Gilbreath, State Evangelism Director of Evangelism Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery, will be the guest evangelist for each service.

There will be special music each service. Bruce Williams is pastor of Goodman Baptist Church. For more information call 347-7714 (church office).

Center Point Community Church to hold Easter Sunrise Service

Center Point Community Church will hold Easter Sunrise Service on March 23rd at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served following the service. Praise and Worship will follow at 10 a.m.

There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt, games, and prizes for children to participate in.

The church is located at 3351 Lynn Road, Enterprise, Ala. (just off of Rucker Blvd.). For more information call 347-5044.



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Finding the true reason

I knew a young man in High School. He went to work early before school at the farm. He studied all day and played football, basketball and baseball. He never missed a practice or game. Because of all his activity he never really developed good grades. Most people thought he was slow. In fact he was just tired. He wanted to go to college so badly he tried everywhere. He was accepted in a community college and did well. He found a job in law enforcement and was happy. There was only one thing he had problems with. His moral values had been neglected and he lived a hard life. He was not faithful to his wife. He drank too much and experimented with drugs. He lost his position and it seemed his life was turning out to be a disappointment. He worked it out with his wife. He was amazed she could forgive him. He started to attend church with his family. He wanted to get what his wife, had, because he thought if it had been the other way around he may not have been able to forgive. He wanted to feel God. He finally pulled over one day and started to pray to Jesus. He was saved and all the things he had done wrong were wiped away. God had changed him in a mighty way. He was faithful to attend church and he was on fire for God. He developed a deeper walk with the Lord and he started to study for the Ministry. Years later he became a Pastor of a church and he was called to another state. His church grew and he became well known everywhere. Then the internet and email became reality. One of his classmates found him on the internet and wrote him a letter. He told him he thought he was hiding his sin behind the pulpit. His classmate had heard of all the things he had done wrong and wanted to know if it was true and if so what made him think he belonged in the ministry. The minister emailed him back and to his surprise he admitted he had been a terrible sinner. He was probably guilty of all the things he had heard about. The Minister explained the plan of salvation. He told his friend that Jesus took on the guilt of the world and the shame of all sinners. Jesus paid the price He never owed. On that cross on Calvary Jesus made it possible for man to be reconciled with God. His classmate was astounded. He couldn't understand. How could God let go every bad thing a person had done? He never understood the love God has for His Children. The Minister wrote again and told him that he too had sinned and he was welcome to receive from God a full pardon. He told him even as a Pastor he was not perfect but the God he worshipped was. Know today that Jesus will pardon us from all iniquity. The Apostle Paul said:

"Room 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: His friend studied and became a believer too. This is the true reason for Jesus and his love for us. We all can be pardoned of our wrongs and made new.

Gospel singing planned at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church

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Easter Celebration to be held March 15th at New Ebenezer Baptist Church

New Ebenezer Baptist Church Easter Celebration will be held on March 15th, starting at 3 p.m. at the church. There will be an Easter egg hunt from 3-4, a cookout from 4-6, and a concert at 6 p.m. All are invited. For more information, call Pastor Duane Delmain 897-5035 or 494-4354.

"The Bradys" to be in concert at First Assembly of God in Elba on March 16th

The First Assembly of God in Elba will present in concert "The Bradys" from Columbia, Alabama on Sunday, March 16th at 5 p.m. The Bradys were nominated as "Horizon Gospel of the Year" in southern gospel music and for a Dove Award as writers of "The Hoppers" Song of the Year "Here I Am". The Bradys record for the Eddie Crook Company in Nashville, TN.

Sunrise services planned at Newbia Baptist Church for Easter Sunday

Newbia Baptist Church, located on County Road 330, will hold an Easter Sunrise Service beginning at 7 a.m. on Sunday, March 23rd. Breakfast will follow in the church fellowship hall.

Westside Baptist Church to host Community Sunrise Service

The Westside Baptist Church Brotherhood will sponsor the annual Community Sunrise Service. This year, it will be held March 23rd at 6:30 a.m. Dr. James Newell, Interim Pastor at

Basin Baptist Church to hold Easter Sunrise Service

Basin Baptist Church will hold Easter Sunrise service on March 23, 2008. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., followed by

Elba United Methodist Church to have Holy Thursday-Tenebrae service on March 20th

The Elba United Methodist Church will hold the Holy Thursday-Tenebrae service on Thursday, March 20th at 7 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated followed by the service of darkness as the last night of our Lord's earthly life is remembered. Everyone is invited to attend.

Gospel singing planned at Shiloh Baptist Church for Saturday, March 15th

Shiloh Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing on Saturday, March 15th, beginning at 7 p.m. Featured will be Steve

Jack Assembly of God Church to hold revival services March 17-21

Jack Assembly of God Church will hold revival services March 17-21 beginning at 7:15 nightly. Guests will be The

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Margo Kelley- March 9, Gladys Wright- March 9, Yasmine Yelverton- March 11, Zelma Caldwell- March 11, Alfonso Purvis- March 13 (In Memory Of) Ruby Walker- March 15

THE 14TH ANNUAL FAMILY AND FRIENDS Day

Program will be held on the 4th Sunday, March 23, 2008 at 2 p.m. at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Glenwood, Ala. The guest speaker will be Pastor Tyrone Moultry.

NEVER THE LESS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

will be held at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Ala., March 28-29, 2008. The March 28th service will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the March 29th service will begin at 9 a.m. with breakfast being served at 8:30 a.m. The theme will be "The Total Woman." The scripture for the conference will be Romans 12:1-3.

THE 16TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MULBERRY BAPTIST

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Holy Week Services to be held at Elba United Methodist Church

The Elba United Methodist Church will hold Holy Week services March 16th-19th. The services will be at 7 p.m. except for the Sunday, March 16th service, which will be at 6 p.m. There will be a special speaker each night and special music. On Sunday night, Rev. Tim Trent will preach and on Monday night, Rev. David

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to host Gospel Concert on Saturday, March 22

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be having a Gospel Concert on March 22, 2008 with "The Franklins" starting at 6:00 PM. Church is located on Coffee

County Route 114 about one (1) mile past Wayne Farms. For more info. Call 334/47-0569 or 334/894-5021.

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, March

SCHOOLS

Journalism Spotlight

by Ashton Rodriguez



This week's Journalism Spotlight shines on **Karen Anastacia Huckabaa**.

Karen is the 18-year-old daughter of Patricia Huckabaa. She is involved in numerous activities at Elba High School including: Girl Scouts, Skills USA, FFA, Key Club, EHS Ambassadors and Mu-Alpha Theta.

When not at school Karen enjoys hunting, fishing, mud riding, swimming, painting and drawing, welding and hanging with her friends. Her older brother, Joshua Huckabaa, is a U.S. Marine and is currently serving in Iraq.

Karen's favorite part of journalism is being able to use her own creativity and express her ideas and share them with her school as well as the community.

When asked to describe herself, she said, "I'm funny, crazy, down to earth and friendly." Karen's future plans are to attend LBW for two years and then transfer to Auburn University, where she hopes to pursue a degree in veterinarian medicine.

Scholastic Book Fair held at EES

by Erica Daniels

On March 3-11, Elba Elementary held its annual Scholastic Book Fair. It is held every spring, and family night was March 3 from 3-8 p.m.

The Book Fair funds books for the library, helps to pay for Accelerated Reader, and helps buy equipment. Students had a number of opinions about the Book Fair. Nijah Wilson said, "The Book Fair has a lot of stuff, and it is beautiful."

Jailla Smith added, "The Book Fair has a lot of stuff to explore." As always, the Book Fair was



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Erica Daniels &
Kelly Corder

Black History program held at EES

by Kelly Corder

On Friday, Feb. 22, Elba Elementary School held its annual Black History Program.

Several classes participated in celebrating Black History. Mrs. Mitchell's choral group sang several songs and narrated the evolution of Civil Rights, sharing facts about the lives of Harriet Tubman, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and several others.

Mrs. Butler's Talent Pool

class performed "Amazing Grace" using American Sign Language. Mrs. McCollough's 6th grade reading class sang "Swing Low Sweet Chariot." Winners from the class' African American Biography essay contest shared their winning essays about famous black Americans like Bill Cosby, Billie Holiday, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The students from the EES learned a lot from the Black History Program.

Teacher Spotlight

by Megan Sullivan



Amanda Martin

Mrs. Amanda Martin is featured this week in the Teacher Spotlight.

This year will be Mrs. Martin's 11th year teaching. She said, "this makes Mrs. Buckelew old because she taught me in junior high."

Mrs. Martin received her degree at the University of Alabama and has taught at other schools such as Highland Home, Escambia County High, South Montgomery County Academy and now Elba. At the high school, she teaches eighth and ninth grade English and is a junior class sponsor. She also coaches volleyball.

Mrs. Martin has been married to her husband, Chris, for 10 years. She has two dogs, Zoey

and Jack, five brothers, two sisters and 17 nieces and nephews. When Mrs. Martin is not teaching or coaching, she enjoys shopping, decorating, directing weddings, reading and gardening.



Family night for the book fair at EES was Monday, March 3

Announcements:

• Yearbooks are on sale for \$45. Contact the journalism staff at EHS for more information. Extras will remain on sale. (897-2266)

• Elba Hoodies and T-shirts are available. Long-sleeve T-shirts are \$12 and \$13 and Hoodies are \$20, \$21, and \$22. Contact the journalism staff. (897-2266)

Journalism members attend workshop at Auburn University

by Yoquesha Terry

On Sunday, March 2, four journalism members attended Auburn University's Third Annual Journalism Day.

At 12:30 p.m., the students first went to a workshop where the journalism members learned tips from professional journalists who cover the women's basketball team and other sports at Auburn University. The journalism members, for example, learned good sports writing tips from Christina Turner, one of the best journalists who covers the women's basketball team.

After the workshop the members got to enjoy the Auburn women's basketball team as they took on the Arkansas Razorbacks. The members enjoyed refreshments during



Journalism members Ashton Rodriguez, Karen Huckabaa, Tierney Starks and Tiffany Bynum participated in Journalism Day at Auburn University.

halftime while talking to more professional sports writers.

The members got to meet Coach Fortner and top players from the Auburn team and interview them. They also got a chance to win a \$250 scholarship for writing the best sports article about the game.

Journalism Day was an overall success for the members, and they got to bring valuable information back home with them to help them more professionally.

Language arts team competes at LBW Community College

by Erica Daniels

On Friday, Feb. 29, a couple of juniors and seniors attended the Lurleen B. Wallace 32nd Annual Language and Fine Arts Tournament and the Second Congressional Art Competition and competed in various categories against other students from schools throughout Southeast Alabama.

Mrs. Buckelew's 2nd block class performed "School Zone." DaNeesha Jordan sang "Hero." Yoquesha Terry and Karen Huckabaa performed an individual oral interpretation and Karen Huckabaa and Tierney Starks performed a group oral interpretation. April Price and Kim Blue participated in the Composition I, and Tatiana Parker participated in Composition Division II.

Andreya Dixon, DaNeesha Jordan, Megan Sullivan, Kandace Smith, and Kelly Corder participated in Reading and Yoquesha Terry competed in the Grammar competition.

The following students also competed in the creative writing competition: Yoquesha Terry, Britton Davis, Kim Cooks, and April Price.



Junior/Senior LBW Language Arts tournament team

DaNeesha Jordan took first place in Vocal Solo, Karen Huckabaa received second place in individual oral interpretation, Yoquesha Terry received honorable mention in short story contest and April Price also received honorable mention in the poetry contest.

Students take AEC trip to Gantt

by Tiffany Bynum

Elba, Opp, Andalusia, and Pike County schools participated in the Alabama Electric Cooperation trip at the Point A Lodge in Gantt, Ala.

The students from Elba that attended were Robyn Hudson, Andrew Head, Shelby Brunson, Meredith Brunson, Richreana Singletary, David Maddaloni, Dylan McCollough, Brady Caldwell, Cymricka Dean and Cameron Rodgers. The students were introduced to students from other schools, and they played Human Bingo.

The cooperative recognized the students who had won a trip

to Montgomery in March and who won a trip to Washington June.

The guest speaker for the day was Debbie Bracewell, who spoke from her own experience about not having Jesus in her life and how when she was younger she was involved in many of the wrong things. Since she has turned her life over to Jesus, He has changed her life and made it better.

Bracewell told students the things that matter to them now are not the important things that will help them in their life but instead to try to focus on Jesus who will help them with their life.

The day ended with the students enjoying a cookout hosted AEC in their honor. Students really enjoyed the trip.

EHS students take graduation exams

by Tiffany Bynum

The Alabama High School Graduation Exams were given to the high school students statewide and in Elba on February 29 through March 7.

The portions of the Graduation Exams include Reading, Science, Math, English, and History. Biology is another section added this year, and all sophomores and juniors must take it so that the

state of Alabama can get the base scores of the test.

To help students study for the exams, there were study classes offered the night before each test at the school with each class taught by different teachers depending on the subject. These exams are required for a student to be able to graduate from high school.

Students strived hard to pass these exams.

Elba Elementary Menu	
March 17-19, 2008	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Ham, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Barbeque Pork, Rice, Green Beans, Bread, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Vegetable Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Turkey, Dressing, English Peas, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Bread, Easter Cake, Milk

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Students of the Month



MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH include: (back, left to right) Whitney Brantley - 9th Grade, Emilee Dunn - 12th Grade, Chase Hendrix - 10th Grade and Mr. Gary Glass, Principal; (front, left to right) Kayla Farnon - 11th Grade, Ally McAnear - 7th Grade and Claire Bailey - 9th Grade.



THE NBHS FCCLA RECENTLY PARTICIPATED in National FCCLA Week. The members held a womanless beauty pageant, sold candy roses for Valentine's Day, glamor shots, and cooked breakfast for the teachers.

New Brockton Community Learning Center After-School Program sees early success

by Kristine Fitzgerald

The New Brockton Community Learning Center After-School Program is off to a great start.

An average of 75 students stays after school each day. They receive homework help and tutoring from teachers, volunteers, and local high school student aides until 4:00 each

day. They then participate in enrichment activities until 5:30. Some of these activities include dance, art, and Spanish. The students have a lot of fun and really enjoy learning.

The local students working with the program are as follows: Kendall Persin, 12th Grade; Andrew Fuller, 12th Grade; Beth Vaughan, 12th Grade; Kristine Fitzgerald, 12th Grade;

Bethany Lott, 12th Grade; Kayla Farnon, 11th Grade; and Emily Hardiman, College Sophomore.



FBLA students compete

The week of February 4-8 was the week that 36 FBLA members competed on line regionally in business oriented competitions ranging from Accounting I to Desktop Publishing.

The results of the exams will be determined next week by the state, and the top competitors in the region will be announced. Regional winners from New Brockton High School will be traveling to Birmingham with Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Speigner for the 2-day FBLA State Competition in April.

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Softball season gets underway

It's that time again! The New Brockton High School JV and Varsity Softball teams are getting very excited about their upcoming season.

With new head coach Jaime Carruthers, the teams have already been participating in some grueling practices. They have also been doing some major fundraising in order to purchase some much-needed equipment.

Coach Carruthers thanks everyone who participated in the fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 9.

Below is the remaining schedule for March:

3/13 - Away - Opp - 4:00 - JV/V
3/14 - Home - Laverne - 4:30 - JV/V
3/15 - Away - Opp - 4:00 - JV/V
3/17 - 18 - Away - Gulf Shores Tournament - V
3/24 - Home - Brantley - 4:00 - V
3/25 - Home - Samson - 4:30 - JV/V
3/27 - Away - Zion Chapel - 4:30 - JV/V
3/29 - Away - Varsity Pea River Softball Tournament - Action - 10:00

GET TO KNOW THE TEACHERS

Name: Tami Crosby

Are you finding this year an easy one? Yes.

Describe yourself in three words. I'm married to Coach Crosby (that should tell you a lot).

If you were stranded on an island, what one thing would you bring? My Bible.

What's your favorite movie? A Beautiful Mind.

What's your favorite book? The Grapes of Wrath.

To what kind of music do you like to listen? Most all kinds.

What is your favorite quote? "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1.

To where would you most like to travel? Ireland.

Have you ever had a different career? No.

If you could travel to a different time era, to what era would you travel and why?



Tami Crosby

like to be and why? An eagle. It would be awesome to soar high in the sky the way they do.

If you were a wrestler in a tag-team match for the world championship, who would you pick as your partner? Coach Crosby.

Pretend you are a sandwich. Which lunchmeat would you be? Roast beef.

If you could try three careers in the future, which ones would you try? Geologist, College Professor, and Magazine Publisher.

Who is your hero/heroine? Jesus Christ and Albert Einstein.

What is your favorite song of all time? What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong.

Fame, money, power. Which one is least important to you? Fame.

If you could open a business of your own what kind would it be? I would open a flower shop.

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Miss Elba pageants set for Saturday evening at Elba High School auditorium

The New Seasons Study Club will host the 2008-2009 Miss Elba Pageants this Saturday evening, March 15.

The pageants will take place in the Elba High School auditorium beginning at 6 p.m. This year's theme is "Celebrate Miss Elba Pageants 2008!"

The contestants will open the pageant dancing to the popular 80s song, "Celebrate." There are six age divisions this year: Future Little Miss Elba (ages 3-5), Little Miss Elba (1st Grade), Young Miss Elba (Grades 4-6), Junior Miss Elba (Grades 7-10), and Miss Elba (ages 17-21).

There is an admission charge; children under 3 years of age get in free. Area queens get in free wearing their crown and/or banners.

New Seasons Study Club invites all former queens, area queens, friends and family to come and support these young ladies as they compete for the title of 2008-09 Miss Elba.

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Michaela Moseley
Future Little Miss Elba contestant



Brooke Chapman
Future Little Miss Elba contestant



Keley Parks
Future Little Miss Elba contestant



Charlyn Free
Little Miss Elba contestant



Bryson Martin
Little Miss Elba contestant



Taylor Johnson
Little Miss Elba contestant



Sarah Bryan
Young Miss Elba contestant



Farris English
Young Miss Elba contestant



Emilee Hudson
Young Miss Elba contestant



Lindsay McClung
Junior Miss Elba contestant



Brooke Weeks
Junior Miss Elba contestant



Keyawne Gavin
Junior Miss Elba contestant



Meagan Concannon
Junior Miss Elba contestant



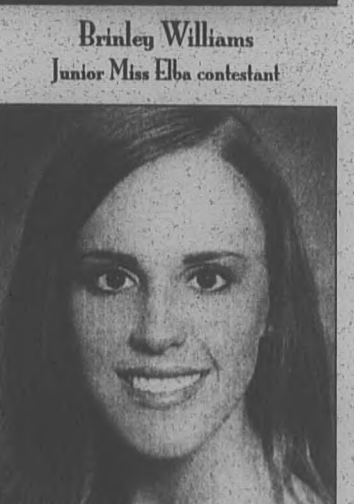
Brinley Williams
Junior Miss Elba contestant



Molly McGuire
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FCA Sweetheart Pageant held recently at Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Fellowship of Christian Athletics recently held its annual FCA Sweetheart Pageant.

The pageant is one of the fundraisers used to help pay FCA members way to go to FCA Camp. FCA camp is usually held at Black Mountain, N.C.

This year the students decided to have a team camp. Plans are in the works to have the camp at the Coffee County Vineyard.

Having a team camp will allow both male and female student athletes to attend. The athletes will be challenged both physically and spiritually at the camp. The hope is the camp has a lasting effect on their lives.

In addition to the Sweetheart Pageant, different fundraisers are sponsored in the community to help pay for camp fees. In the past a "powder puff" football tournament in which the high school girls have the chance to show off their football skills in front of the school has been held.

There is also a "Red-White" spring football game that helps fund the camp. The camp has

also seen donors from people to help the athletes get to camp.

The cost of the camp this year is around \$120 per person, with 50-60 students attending, so it takes a lot of fundraising to pay for the kids to go.

People in the community have been supportive in helping send kids to camp. Not only do they attend fundraisers and donate money but there are organizations (such as St. Johns Baptist Church) that help carry players and luggage to Montgomery, where the buses are met to go to North Carolina.

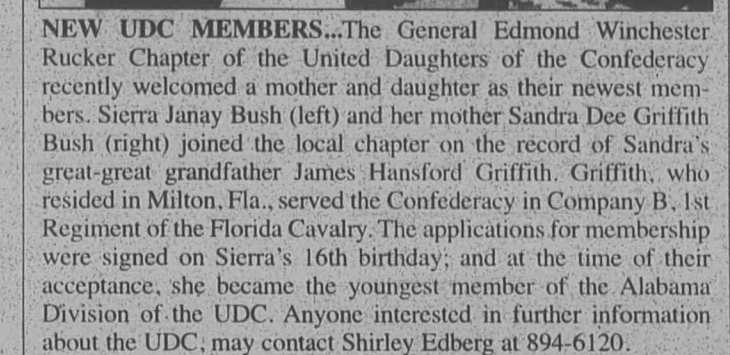
The number of campers grows each year and numerous people say how impressed they are that Zion Chapel takes as many kids camp as schools such as Hoover or Vestavia.

The students at Zion Chapel represent the school and community very well.

Anyone interested in finding out more about FCA camp, should call Zion Chapel High School at (334) 897-6275 and speak with Coach Boswell or call (334) 897-5333.



NEW UDC MEMBERS. The General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy recently welcomed a mother and daughter as their newest members. Sierra Janay Bush (left) and her mother Sandra Dee Griffith (right) joined the local chapter on the record of Sandra's great-great grandfather James Hansford Griffith. Griffith, who resided in Milton, Fla., served the Confederacy in Company B, 1st Regiment of the Florida Cavalry. The applications for membership were signed on Sierra's 16th birthday, and at the time of her acceptance, she became the youngest member of the Alabama Division of the UDC. Anyone interested in further information about the UDC, may contact Shirley Edberg at 894-6120.



Alabama Eye Bank celebrates 39 years of helping the blind see

The Alabama Eye Bank (AEB) is celebrating 39 years of helping provide sight to the blind by reminding everyone that eye donation is a blessing that most anyone can participate in.

"Eye donation is a wonderful thing in that most everyone can be a donor, even cancer patients," Doyce Williams, Alabama Eye Bank Executive Director, said.

This is the 25th anniversary of National Eye Donor Month, proclaimed for the first time in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan.

Since its inception AEB has recovered more than 55,000 tissues and aided in providing tissue for more than 30,000 transplants, ranking among the top 10 Eye Banks in the world for 25 years in a row. AEB currently ranks in the top five.

The Eye Bank supplies corneas as needed in Alabama, nationally and internationally as well. Working through Vision Share, a not for profit consortium of eye banks, AEB has provided corneas to more than 30 countries.

Joseph Beckham, director, Education and Hospital Relations, AEB, said, "The Legacy Alabama donor registry offers such a quick and easy way for anyone with access to the Web to become a donor. By visiting the website at <www.alabamayeabank.org> and clicking the donor button located on the front page, anyone can do this in a matter of minutes."

National Eye Donor Month, which is held each March, is a great time to emphasize the ongoing need to help the blind and at the same time focus on the tremendous opportunity to donate through the registry.

Most eye donations result in a corneal transplant, the most successful human tissue transplant performed today. The cornea has no blood supply so it does not require blood typing, tissue typing and donor-recipient matching that other organs require. Since the applications for eye tissue range from transplant to research to education, there are very few conditions that would preclude the recovery of donor eye tissue.

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March 13, 20, 27, 2008

ALABAMA RE ORG LLC

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COM @ SW COR OF SE 1/4 OF SE

1/4 N 500' TO POB N 460' (S) E

680' (S) S 390' (S) W 690' (S) TO

POB S31 T6N R20 Tax

143.31

Fees.....32.50

Total.....175.81

ALABAMA RE ORG LLC

06 09 31 0 002 030.002

COM @ SE COR OF SW 1/4 OF SE

1/4; N 200' TO POB; N300' (S) E

680' (S) S 340' (S) W 680' (S) TO

POB S31 T6N R20 Tax

193.06

Fees.....31.86

Total.....224.91

AURORA LOAN SERVICES

11 03 08 3 304 033.000

A LOT IN SE1/4 OF SW1/4 DESC

AS FOL BEG INT N R/W W DAVIS

ST & W R/W N POLKA AVE TH W

100' TH N 139.5' TH E 100' TH S

139.5' TO POB S08 T5N R20E

Tax.....338.21

Fees.....37.14

Total.....375.35

BLUETZ DAVID

03 02 04 0 000 003.000

A LOT IN NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 DESC

AS BEG AT SW INTER OF HEAD

MILL RD & BOWDEN CO LINE RD;

TH S 63.5 FT TH W 265.4 FT, TH

NLY 165.9 FT, TH SELY 200 FT TO

POB S04 T7N R20 Tax

313.75

Fees.....39.12

Total.....352.87

BRADLEY JAMES D

01 02 09 0 000 007.000

COM AT NE COR OF SE 1/4 OF SE

1/4 TH W 685' TO POB TH W 165'

N 1470.81' SE 165'S S 1375' TO P

O B S09 T7N R22 Tax

772.55

Fees.....31.86

Total.....804.41

BULLOCK LORI W

11 06 24 0 000 009.001

COM @ INT E R/W WEST LAKE

RODWAY RD & ELY R/W EAST

LAKE RODWAY RD S 450' (S);

NELY 430' (S) TO POB S 165' NELY

147'; SELY ALG LAKE 100'

SWLY 140'; NWLY 100' TO P.O.B

S24 T5N R20 Tax

151.01

Fees.....34.50

Total.....185.51

CALLOWAY MICHAEL & SHEILA

ANN

11 03 08 3 304 030.000

A LOT IN SW1/4 OF SW1/4 DESC

AS FOL BEG ON NE'S HICKMAN

AVE 198' SE OF REESE ST & RUN

NE 175' TH SW 100' TH SW 175' TH

NW 100' TO POB ELBA IMP CO

SUBD PT OF BL 1 S08 T5N R20

Tax.....127.86

Fees.....42.42

Total.....170.28

CARPENTER CHARLES

05 06 13 0 000 003.009

COM AT INT OF NW1/4 OF SEC & W

R/W CO RD 345 TH SW LY 250' TO

POB TH SW LY 100.60' W 440.67'

N 95' E 473.5' TO POB S19 T06

R19 Tax.....39.35

Fees.....29.22

Total.....68.57

CASSEDY PHYLIS A; CLARK

HENRY D & LINEVIST GERRY R

13 08 33 0 000 019.000

A LOT IN E1/2 OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4

DESC AS FOL: COMM INTER OF N

40LN OF SD 14 & W R/W CO RD

TH S 800' TO POB TH CONT S

247.5' THE WLY 68' TH NW 289' TH

E 221' TO POB S33 T4N R19E

Tax.....128.46

Fees.....47.04

Total.....175.50

CLIFTON JAMES RICHARD &

LINDA FAYE

12 06 24 0 000 009.001

A LOT IN NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 DESC

AS BEG 150' NE OF INT OF PACK-

ING HOUSE RD & SHILOH CH RD

TH NE 120TH SE 210' TH SW 120'

TH NW 210' TO POB S24 T5N

R19E Tax.....35.82

Fees.....39.12

Total.....74.94

DANLEY EDNA

05 04 19 0 000 016.000

A LOT IN THE SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4

SEC 19 DES AS COMM 436' E OF

SW COR OF SD 14, TH N 200'; TH

E 200' TH S 200'; TH W 200'; TO

POB S19 T6N R19E

Tax.....93.75

Fees.....35.82

Total.....129.57

DAUGHERTY ODE & CLYDE (DEC)

12 01 12 4 000 046.000

A LOT IN THE E 1/2 OF SE 1/4

DESC AS BEG 400' S OF INT HWY

84 & W ROW LARKIN RD TH W

200' N 100' E200' S 100' TO POB IN

ELBA S12 T5N R19

Tax.....55.25

Fees.....37.80

Total.....93.05

DEWBERRY STACEY

02 09 30 0 000 004.007

COM @ INT S/L NW 1/4 & W R/W

CO RD 43; NW LY ALG RD S03.3'

TO P.O.B.; SW LY 210'; NW LY

210' N ELY 210'; SE LY ALG RD

210' TO P.O.B S30 T7N R21

Tax.....340.54

Fees.....35.82

Total.....376.36

DIVINE ESTELLE ESTATE

11 03 07 3 000 035.001

COM @ INT NW1/4 OF SEC & W

ROW CAROLINE ST S 155' TO

POB TH SE 30'; SLY 105' N 105';

SE 75' TO POB S07 T5N R20 Tax

36.28

Fees.....29.91

Total.....66.19

DOWNING JAMIE & HOLLIE

02 07 35 0 000 009.004

COM AT INT OF NW1/4 OF

SW1/4 OF SEC 35 & E R/W 167'; TH

S 567.38' TO POB; TH S 246.20' E

483.16'; N 262.07'; W 487.26' TO

POB S35 T7N R21

Tax.....84.59

Fees.....34.30

Total.....118.89

DUKE GREG R

11 03 08 1 000 012.002

BEG AT SE COR OF LOT 36 OF

SWITH AVE SUBD TH NELY 75'

NWLY 150' SWLY 75' SELY 150' TO

POB S08 T5N R20 Tax

293.95

Fees.....27.90

Total.....321.85

FARRIS DONALD W & PAULA R

13 07 36 0 000 002.002

COM AT INT NWLY ROW HWY 134

& E/L OF SE 1/4; SWLY & W/L

ROW 830' (S) TO POB NELY 165'

NWLY 132' SWLY 165' ELY 132' TO

POB S36 T4N R19

Tax.....245.77

Fees.....35.16

Total.....280.93

FARRIS DONALD W & PAULA R

13 07 36 0 000 002.009

COM AT INT OF E/L OF SEC 36 &

N R/W OF AL HWY 134 TH SWLY

600'S TO P.O.B. TH NLY 267';

NWLY 163'; SWLY 162'; E 132'; S

165'; E 226' TO P.O.B. S36 T4N R19

Tax.....40.67

Fees.....37.80

Total.....78.47

FILLINGIM JEFFERY HAYWOOD

13 03 05 0 000 018.007

COM AT INT OF S R/W OF CO RD

30 & E R/W CO RD 15 TH SLY 420'

TO POB TH SLY 420' E 210' NLY

420' W 210' TO POB S05 T4N R19E

Tax.....93.75

Fees.....34.50

Total.....128.25

FOLMAR R V JR

12 09 31 0 000 004.000

BEG AT INT OF W R/W CO RD 377'

& N R/W OF US HWY 84 TH W

216.84'; S 306'S; E 45'; NWLY 222.60';

NE 111.23' TO POB S31 T5N R19

Tax.....54.21

Fees.....33.84

Total.....88.05

HAIRE MARGARET S

11 03 08 3 304 021.000

LOT IN SE1/4 OF SW1/4 DESC AS

FOL BEG ON E/S N CLAXTON AVE

100' N OF W DAVIS ST & RUN N

50' TH E 100' TH S 50' TH W 100'

TO POB S08 T5N R20

Tax.....83.70

Fees.....36.48

Total.....120.18

HAIRE MARGARET S

11 03 07 1 001 001.001

BEG @ NE COR OF SEC, TH S

212.40'; SW 34.11'; W LY 300.66';

NW 317.34'; W LY 714.09'; N 120'

S, E 1338' TO POB S07 T5N R20

Tax.....131.91

Fees.....30.54

Total.....162.45

HAIRE MARGARET S

AND N R/W OF CO, RD 215, TH N

1250'S, E 1323'S, S 1318'S, W

411'S, NLY 425'S, NW 315'S, SLY

560'S, W 258'S, WLY 345'S TO

P.O.B. LESS RD. R/W S31 T7N

R21E

Tax.....848.63

Fees.....39.12

Total.....887.75

MARQUEZ CYNTHIA & MARCOS

06 02 03 0 000 004.007

COM AT SW COR OF SE 1/4 OF

NE 1/4, TH N 790'S TO P.O.B. TH

NW 600'; N 237'; SE 600'; S 237'

TO P.O.B. S03 T6N R20E

Tax.....269.24

Fees.....31.20

Total.....300.44

MARTIN ROBERT WILSON

12 01 12 4 000 040.000

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Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

It is hard to believe, but our oldest daughter Melissa celebrated her 25th birthday last week with a small party at home. I remember back when she was born on March 7, 1983, and how shocked we were when the nurse came out and said we had a healthy baby girl. The nurse at the doctor's office had insisted for months that our first born was going to be a boy and we had a name all picked out. However, Melissa joined the family on that cold and snowy day in Enterprise and has been Daddy's little girl ever since. I can still remember way back to her first birthday, and all the others since, but no matter how many more we celebrate she will always be my little girl and her age will mean nothing to this proud and loving Daddy.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** It was a quiet week in sports here in Elba as the teams at Elba High took the week off to prepare for the graduation exam. The Tigers did take the field over the weekend for two games over in Slomcomb, but the Lady Tigers took the entire week off and the varsity softball team has yet to play a game due to the weather and the school calendar. There is no doubt the schedule is going to get busy in the days to come and that means the fans will finally get the chance to get some fresh air and enjoy a ball game outside cheering for Elba.

*** Teams around the area also took some time off last week, but still took to the field and got in a couple of games. In baseball action, Zion Chapel won the Pea River Valley Conference Tournament as the Rebels stunned New Brockton and pushed their record to 5-4 on the season. The Rebels have a lot of experience on their roster and maybe the wins in the tournament will give them the confidence to claim many more wins as the season rolls along. New Brockton was forced to settle for second place in the conference tourney due to its loss to Zion Chapel, but the Gamecocks are still a very talented team and should use the upset loss to remain focused each and every time they hit the field. The Kinston Bulldogs also got in the win column and are beginning to look like a team that has more than enough talent to add to its win total. Over on the softball field, Kinston's string of bad luck continued last week with an injury to Heather Marlowe that could keep the all-state catcher out of the line-up for a month. Marlowe's injury was the fourth to a starter in only three weeks of play, and has to have the Lady Bulldog coaches wondering what will happen next! New Brockton dropped two games at a tournament in Troy and later lost to Geneva, but the Lady Gamecocks will only get better and better as the season rolls along and will be a solid team very soon. Zion Chapel continued to work hard and improve every time the Lady Rebels took the field, and like their neighbors across the county have to be looking forward to the remainder of the season.

*** New Brockton High School is looking for a new head football coach after last week's resignation of Coach Dirk Strunk. Coach Strunk had been the Gamecocks' head man for only two years, but decided it was time for a new start at a new school after suffering through the loss of his daughter in last spring's tornado at Enterprise High School. I remember back last spring when Coach Strunk returned to the softball field as the Lady Gamecocks head coach. It had been only a few weeks since the tragedy, but the coach felt obligated to his team and gave it all in every game. I could not have coached girls sports after losing a daughter and would have been in tears at all the games as I saw my loved ones face on every girl I coached and coached against. His dedication to his players and team was unbelievable, and his devotion to his family and the need to make a change can certainly be understood. Good luck Coach Strunk, our prayers will always be with you and your family.

*** In closing.... The NCAA tournament is just around the corner and that means that March Madness is here. I usually don't watch a lot of college basketball, but this time of the years I do pull out the pillow and spend hours on the sofa watching basketball when I get home. Oh yea, I do catch a few naps along the way.

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By NFHS

Kinston's Wiggins named coach of the year

The Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations, Robert F. Kanaby and Jeff Arbogast, NFHS Coaches Association Chair, recently notified Janie Wiggins that she had been selected to receive the 2007 Coach of the Year award for the state of Alabama in the sport of Volleyball.

The NFHS Coaches Association is the official national coaches association of the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS).

The letter stated, "Your contributions on behalf of the high school athletics are deserving of our appreciation, and you will receive a certificate of recognition from the NFHS. The certificate will be presented by the AHSAA in Huntsville at the championship awards luncheon during All-Star Sports week in July. In addition, each state's

award recipient will be posted on our Web site, www.nfhs.org. Congratulations on being selected to represent all the deserving coaches from your state. Again, thank you for your many contributions to the youth of this country. "I am honored and humbled to receive such an award," said Coach Wiggins. "There are so many deserving coaches in the state that I look up to that also deserve this honor. Volleyball is a great sport and has given me an opportunity to work with some wonderful people. I wouldn't have accomplished anything without some wonderful mentoring from both my high school and college coach, Amelia Rhoades and Melaine Davis. Amelia Rhoades taught me that above anything that God must come first! Morals and class were mandatory requirements for a Kinston Volleyball Player. She also taught me to set

my goals high and believe in myself. Melanie Davis taught me that hard work and motivation combined will lead to success in anything. Both of these ladies taught me that reaching out to kids and being there for them is more important than anything you do on the court."

"Once these kids know how much you love them they will do anything for you," added Wiggins. "I feel like they are not only my players but my children. I also wouldn't have accomplished such a successful year without the group of hard working, dedicated seniors that will be leaving me this year. These young ladies have set the standards high for our program and will be hard shoes to fill. I have so much respect for them. My family is so supportive and helpful with the amount of time it takes to be successful. They all pitch in and still find a way to watch our games. They can tell



Coach Janie Wiggins

you just how much time and work has been spent on maintaining a successful program. God has blessed me with a wonderful Christian husband and three beautiful girls; a wonderful job, and opportunity to work with youth. Each day is a blessing."

Enfinger wins at SAS

By Mark Chisum

The 32nd Annual Rattler 250 is in the books and Fairhope, Alabama's Grant Enfinger was the big winner of the weekend. Enfinger took the lead from Wayne Anderson on lap 206 and went on to take the biggest win of his young career. Enfinger took home over 15,000 in cash and prizes after collecting the win.

Enfinger turned a lap of 15.329 to win the VDL Fuel Systems Pole Award. Enfinger grabbed the lead at the start of the 250-lap event and led the first 40 laps. At that point, Casey Smith took the point. Smith, won all four Viper Series races in 2007, and was the favorite headed into the event. Smith, however, couldn't get away from Enfinger and the two got together on lap 48 with Smith spinning. Both were sent to the rear, giving the lead to Wayne Anderson.

Once out front, Anderson pulled away from Corey Ruble. One lap before a competition caution, on lap 75, Jason Hogan moved past Ruble for second. After racing resumed, Hogan put pressure on Anderson, but couldn't find a way around the leader. Anderson slowly built an six car length lead over Hogan before the yellow flew on lap 94 for Josh Hamner's spin. Smith and Enfinger were making their way back through the field, moving into third and fourth by lap 110. Anderson led Hogan, Smith, Enfinger, and Sieg to the halfway point to collect the McGunigill Engine Performance Half way Leader Award.

The running order stayed intact until Enfinger got past Smith on lap 164. Enfinger moved past Hogan seven laps later for second. Smith's day came to an abrupt end on lap 173 when he got together with a slower car and had heavy contact with the front stretch wall. Enfinger began to look for a way around Anderson. While Enfinger was trying to get past Anderson, Ruble joined the battle. On lap 206, Enfinger fought his way past Anderson to take the lead. Ruble got past Anderson, a couple of laps later, but Anderson fought back to regain the position. Once out front, Enfinger steadily pulled away from Anderson and Ruble, finishing several car lengths ahead at the finish. Ruble stayed close to Anderson, but his tires, the same ones he started the race on, gave up in the end.

In Saturday's Pro Late Model Rattler 125, Ryan Crane was awarded the win after apparent winner Steven Davis failed post race tech. The race resembled a demolition derby to begin with, with the yellow flag waving nine times before the halfway point. Davis started on the pole and led the event through all of the cautions. Michael Pope was able to stay on Davis' bumper with the help of the cautions, but was not able to get around the leader. Davis led Pope, Joey Senter, David Hodges, and Shane Sawyer to the crossed flags.

Hodges had gotten by Senter on several occasions, only to

have the yellow wave, giving the position back to Senter. Hodges finally gained the position on lap 91, but Davis enjoyed a three car length lead that he wouldn't give up. Crane, meanwhile, was quietly making his way through the pack, moving into third after a restart with ten laps to go. On lap 123, Crane made what would turn out to be the winning pass, moving under Hodges on the front stretch to take over second spot. Davis crossed the stripe well ahead of Crane to take the apparent win. However, when Davis' Monte Carlo was rolled across the scales in post race inspection, it was too heavy on left side weight. Davis was disqualified, giving the win to Crane and moving everybody up a position.

In Friday's local action, Paul Jean suffered the same fate as Davis' after the 50-lap Super Stock Feature, giving the win to Ryan Redmon. Redmon took the lead from the start and led until the lap 25 mark when Jean took over. Jean easily pulled away from Redmon to take the checkered flag. However, Jean's car was also too heavy on the left side and Redmon was awarded the win.

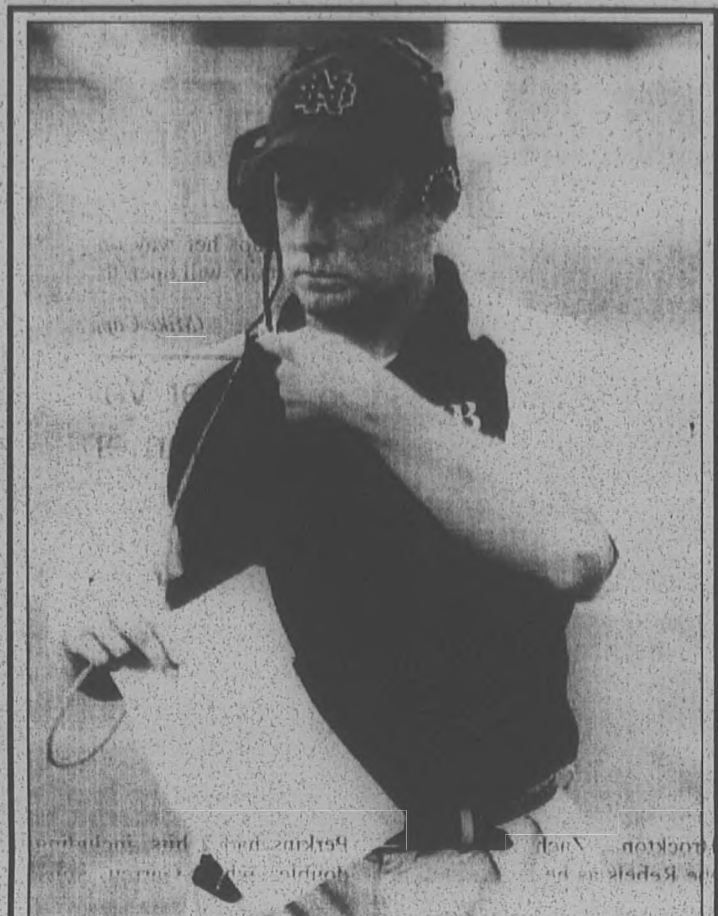
Steve Stewart led flag to flag to win the 50-lap Vintage Feature. Teddy Sasser chased Stewart in early going before spinning on lap 28. Kip Whitehead took up the chase, but Stewart was able to maintain his lead. Sasser was headed back toward the front, moving into third on lap 43. Three laps later, he moved past Whitehead to take over the second spot. The top seven cars crossed the stripe nose to tail with Stewart taking the win.

It was brother against brother in the Roadrunner Feature as Jason and John Singletary battled for the win. It was an all Singletary front row and Jason grabbed the lead from the pole and led all 30 laps with his brother on his bumper to take the win. Jason's only hurdle came with a lap 34 spin. Because the spin involved a lapped car, he was given his position back. He led John across the line by three car lengths.

Perry Boin had an easy time winning the Coyote Feature. Boin charged from the sixth starting spot to take the lead on the first lap. Once out front, Boin cruised home. Michael Smith was closing on Boin at the finish, but ran out of laps. Eddy Hinson led all 25 laps to take the Mini Sportsman Feature. Jeremy Geddings chased Hinson the whole race, but never mounted a serious challenge for the front spot. Geddings last shot came with a lap 23 caution, but Hinson pulled away after the restart to take the win.

In Saturday's Modified Feature, Ricky Brooks used a lapped car to take the lead on lap 23 to take the win.

Will Mack took the lead from Waylon Spivey on lap eight and went on to win the Cupule Feature. Jack Whitte was able to close the gap late in the race but settled for second.



Coach Dirk Strunk

New Brockton's Coach Dirk Strunk resigns football post

The New Brockton Gamecocks will open the 2008 high school football season with their third new football coach in the past four years after the announcement last week that head coach Dirk Strunk had resigned the position after two years at the Gamecock helm.

Strunk, who came to New Brockton after head coaching stops at Maplesville and Alabama Christian, led his teams to an overall 6-14 record in the two seasons.

"I have been looking around and talking with other schools," Coach Strunk stated in a published interview last week, "and my name has come up concerning several positions. I just didn't think it was fair to the kids for my name to be out there and them not know if I was going to be their coach next season or not."

Strunk and his family were touched deeply by the tragedy in Enterprise last spring as the tornado that struck Enterprise High School took the life of their daughter Katie, one of eight students killed in the event.

"I want to thank everybody for the support shown to me and my family after the death of our daughter," said Strunk. "The outpouring of love continues to amaze me and that is what makes this move so tough. The kids here at New Brockton have gone above and beyond to support my family and me and I am happy for my time here and to have been a part of the lives of these young men and women."

Strunk has been mentioned as a candidate for coaching positions in Florida, Tennessee and Georgia, but added that at the present time his future in coaching is very much in the air.

"I'll be coaching again whether it's right down the road or a thousand miles away," added Strunk. "I just had a feeling it was time for me to make a move. I need a change in scenery. However, I will never forget the kids and students here at New Brockton. I also want to thank Dr. Ingram for the opportunity to come to New Brockton as well as the administration and teachers for their support."

Coach Strunk stated he felt he was leaving the football program in solid condition, with over twenty players returning and a new weight room and field house to greet a new coach.

"This program is going to be fine" added Strunk. "They will find the right person for the job and the program will continue to head in the right direction."

New Brockton High School principal Gary Glass stated "We appreciate the job Coach Strunk has done for us here. He has been through some very trying times, but was a professional throughout and served as a good role model for our young people. I certainly wish him the best and am convinced he will be successful in his future."

Glass added that applications would be accepted immediately, but said there would be no hurry to name a new coach.

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SPORTS

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** Baseball **

Kinston Bulldogs flatten Florala 2-0

The Kinston Bulldogs got into the column last Monday afternoon by blanking the Florala Wildcats 2-0. Matt Whigham pitched a complete game two-hitter and struck out 12 batters to get the win on the mound, while at the plate A.J. Johnson had 2 hits and knocked in 2 runs and Ginter Davis added 2 hits.

New Brockton zaps Zion Chapel 6-1

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued its early season dominance over county foes last Monday afternoon by posting a 6-1 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Shane Adkinson was the winning pitcher for the Gamecocks as he pitched six innings and allowed only 3 hits and struck out 8 batters, while Nathan Foster added 2 hits to lead New Brockton at the plate. Joe Davis took the loss on the mound despite allowing only one earned run and four hits in five innings of work.

New Brockton batters Bulldogs 14-4

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled out the big bats last Tuesday afternoon and battered the Kinston Bulldogs 14-4. Nathan Foster allowed five hits and struck out eight batters to get the win on the mound, while at the plate he added 3 hits and scored 3 runs. Kyle Purvis added 2 hits and 2 rbi's. Hayden Smith added 2 hits, including a home-run, and knocked in 3 runs; and Nick Stephenson added 2 hits.

Zion Chapel dumped by Dale County 5-2

The Zion Chapel Rebels were held to only 3 hits and 2 runs Friday afternoon in a 5-2 setback to the Dale County Warriors. A trio of Warrior pitchers combined to shut down the Rebels at the plate while Chris Baker led Dale County at the plate with 2 hits.

New Brockton Gamecocks slam Samson 9-1

The New Brockton Gamecocks pushed their record to 6-2 Friday afternoon with a 9-1 win over the Samson Tigers. Shane Adkinson pitched a one-hitter and struck out 12 batters to get the win on the mound, while Nathan Foster had 2 doubles and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Gamecocks at the plate and Seth Culverhouse added 2 hits.

New Brockton Gamecocks clobber Cats 22-3

The New Brockton Gamecocks made it look easy Saturday morning in a 22-3 win over the Arton Purple Cats. Nathan Foster tossed a 4-hitter and struck out 11 batters to get the win on the mound, while at the plate Shane Adkinson and Hayden Smith both banged out 3 hits and Brandon Byrd and Justin Farris added 2 hits, each. Seth Culverhouse and Farris both collected 3 rbi's.

** Softball **

Lady Gamecocks popped by Lady Panthers 4-2

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw their record slip to 2-3 last week with a 4-2 loss to the Geneva Lady Panthers. Shay Carpenter and Emily Dunn both had one hit and scored one run to lead the Lady Gamecocks at the plate.

Lady Bulldogs see injuries mount in latest loss

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs lost to Andalusia 3-1 last week and saw their streak of bad luck with injuries continue as all-state catcher Heather Marlowe suffered a deep cut while sliding in at home and will be out of the line-up for at least two weeks after requiring 18 stitches to close the wound. Marlowe became the fourth Kinston starter to go down with an injury in only eight games as she joined pitcher Bethany Holley (torn ACL), second baseman Hollie Kilcrease (ankle) and Whitney Hecus (knee) on the sidelines. Kinston struck first in the loss when Marlowe reached on a fielder's choice and scored on an rbi single by Tasha Jones, but Andalusia plated 3 runs in the fourth to grab the lead and the win. Sara Mock took the loss inside the circle despite allowing no earned runs on seven hits.

"Heather has been the setter on varsity since her freshman year," said Kinston's Coach Janie Wiggins. "Each year she improved on her skills and leadership ability. She is a very intelligent young lady which adds to her ability to make great decisions on the court. She has the perseverance to strive for the best and to get the job done. Elton was never a problem. She always gave it everything and cared deeply for her teammates and her coaches. Heather will also play softball for Southern Union. She is an outstanding softball player. Coach Hayes is the softball coach and is expected to make major contributions to both the volleyball and softball program from Heather."



Ryan Marler killed this gobbler on Saturday, March 8, while hunting on private property in Elba on the opening day of the youth turkey season. The Tom was sporting one and 3/4 inch spurs and an 11 and 1/2 inch beard and weighed in at 21 pounds.



Elba Tiger Chase Sauls turns to throw to first base after fielding a ground ball in recent JV action. The Tiger varsity will host a tournament this week.

(Mike Capps photo)



KINSTON LADY BULLDOGS SIGN... Two members of the Kinston Lady Bulldogs volleyball team recently signed scholarships with Southern Union Community College. Pictured above are (seated, l-r) Renee Farris, Jess Johnson, Heather Marlowe, Anita Patterson. (standing l-r) Coach Jenny Hayes, Coach Janie Wiggins and Kinston principal Terry Weeks.

Southern Union signs Kinston duo to volleyball scholarships

Two members of the Kinston High School volleyball team made it official recently that they would continue their careers when they signed scholarships with Southern Union Community College, located in Wadley, Alabama.

The two Lady Bulldogs were Heather Marlowe and Jess Johnson. Last season Marlowe recorded 674 aces, 679 assists, 28 blocks and 189 digs, while Johnson recorded 90 aces, 30 assists, 26 blocks, 206 digs and 179 kills.

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"I couldn't be more proud of anyone than I am these two young ladies," added Wiggins. "Hard work does pay off. Countless hours have been spent on conditioning and training to become the championship players these two ladies have become. Both of them have exemplified the dedication that it takes to become successful and most importantly, they have also learned that above all things, including volleyball and softball, that God must be first in your life. I look forward to following their college career and wish them both success in life."

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Local firefighters responded last Friday, March 7, to the scene of a vehicle fire at 73 County Road 342 in Elba. As shown above, the vehicle was parked near the owner's home, and firefighters worked quickly to extinguish the fire to keep it from spreading. Reportedly, the majority of the damage was near the motor of the automobile.



CITIZEN SEEKS INFORMATION...This cat was shot on Wednesday, February 20, at the home of Brenda Rider, located at the end of Cedar Lane Drive. The cat was shot with an arrow and had to be put to sleep due to the injuries. The Elba Police Department took a report on the incident and kept the arrow as evidence. If anyone has any information about the incident please call Brenda Rider at 897-0732 or the Elba Police Department.

EOCC performing arts scholarships offered

Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Fine Arts Division offers performing arts scholarships in the areas of visual art, music, and theatre.

The scholarships may be granted to new or current full-time students and are awarded for one year. The scholarships may be renewed for a second year upon review of students' academic performance, achievement in the arts, and availability of scholarships. Audition dates scheduled for this spring are Tuesday, April 1 at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 3 at 6 p.m., and Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m. Audition times must be reserved in advance by calling Dr. Jean Johnson at (334) 347-2623, ext. 2316.

For more information about these scholarships or other financial aid available, call the Enterprise Campus at (334) 347-2623 or go online at www.eocc.edu.



BBQ CHAMPIONS...L.C. Cook (right) and John Larry "Popcorn" Gilbert (left) participated in the 4th Annual Triple B Blackwater Bluegrass and Barbecue Cook-off in Crestview, Fla. on March 8th. There were a total of 12 teams in the cookoff and 6 categories that the teams could enter. L.C. and "Popcorn" won in three categories, ribs, pork, and BBQ Sauce and also were named the Grand Champions of the cookoff.

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Informal meeting looks at recreational ideas for Pea River in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce and Coffee County Extension Office joined forces Thursday, March 13, to

host an informal meeting regarding positive ideas for the Pea River. "We've got an attraction," Coffee County Extension Office director Stan Windham said in regards to the river. "We just need to develop it."

Chestnut said the river offers a nice paddle for those who enjoy kayaking and/or canoeing. Therefore, he said this might create a small business venture for someone who wants to create a market.

"One goal I have is Elba profiting from it (river), and the people of Elba seeing others enjoying it," Windham said.

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MONDAY ACCIDENT SENDS SIX TO THE HOSPITAL...Emergency personnel responded Monday afternoon, March 17, to the scene of a two-vehicle accident on East Davis Street (Hwy. 84) in Elba near the city limits sign. According to the accident report, a 1994 GMC 1500 truck, driven by Jimmy Harold Morris Jr. of Elba, was slowing down to turn into a driveway when struck in the back by a 2004 Ford Ranger (shown above), driven by Kimberly Hope McDonald Bowers of Elba. Six people were injured in the accident, including the two drivers and four passengers from the GMC truck. Reportedly, Kimberly Bowers, age 22, was taken to Medical Center Enterprise; Jimmy Harold Morris, age 40, was taken to Elba General Hospital; Samantha Morris, age 40, was taken to Elba General Hospital; Hill, age 46, was taken to Elba General Hospital; Jimmy Morris, age 19, was taken to Medical Center Enterprise; and a 4-year-old child, age 4, was taken to Medical Center Enterprise to receive treatment for injuries sustained in the accident. Emergency personnel responding to the scene included the Elba Police Department, Coffee County EMS, Elba Fire Department and Enterprise Rescue. Elba Police Officer Curtis Grenier investigated the accident.

Robert Stephens seeks reelection to Coffee County Commission, District 3

Robert G. Stephens this week announced he will seek reelection to the Coffee County Board of Commissioners, District 3.

Stephens is seeking the Democratic nomination in the June primary. He currently serves as District 3 Commissioner.

A lifelong resident of District 3, Stephens operated a country general store in the Damascus community for 48 years. He attended Auburn University and is a veteran of World War II, having served four years in the U.S. Air Force as a bomber pilot. He saw action with the 15th Air Force flying combat missions over Europe.

"I have worked hard for the citizens of District 3 and all of the citizens of Coffee County during the years that I have served on the County Board of Commissioners," Stephens said in making his announcement.

He is currently chairman of the seven-county Southeast Regional Planning and Development Board, this being the first time a Coffee County Commissioner has been elected to this office.

Stephens has been instrumental in securing grants for the building of four senior centers in Coffee County, buses for the seniors, grants for the county water supply, etc. As a commissioner, he is also on the executive board of the seven-county Southeast Regional Council for the Aging, which furnishes the medical supplies, medicines, and other things this board and provides home health care to those in need. All three children have college degrees and two of them have their Ph.D.

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THIS THREE-VEHICLE ACCIDENT occurred Friday, March 14, at the intersection of Buford and Court streets in downtown Elba. According to the accident report, failure to yield right-of-way was the cause of the accident. The report further indicates the investigating officer(s) concluded Aaron Damell Burks of Elba, the driver of a 1998 Chevrolet (center vehicle), had the right-of-way traveling straight ahead on Buford Street when Amy S. Hudson of New Brockton, the driver of a 2004 Pontiac (vehicle on the right) failed to yield the path as she started into traffic on Buford Street. Burks' vehicle struck Hudson's vehicle in the front right side. That impact then reportedly caused Burks' vehicle to hit the third vehicle involved in the accident - a 2000 Pontiac (vehicle on the left) driven by Lowery Johnson of Opp. Johnson was sitting at the stop sign on Court Street (between The Elba Clipper office and the Christian Mission store) when the collision occurred. Coffee County EMS responded to the scene, but no one involved was transported to the hospital. Elba Police Officers Ashley Paul and Lydon Jordan investigated the accident.

Jimmy Bryan announces candidacy for C.C. Commission's District One seat

James E. (Jimmy) Bryan, a lifelong resident of Coffee County, this week announced his candidacy to be Coffee County Commissioner, District One.

In making his announcement, Bryan said he would like to take the opportunity to introduce himself.

He was born and raised in the Pine Level Community and is the son of James E. Bryan (deceased) and Sallie Mae Bryan. His family includes his wife Rachel Wilkes Bryan, two sons, James E. Bryan III and Francis Paul Bryan (wife Mary), one daughter, Susan Rachel Bryan, and two grandsons.



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Joey Arnold announces candidacy for Board of Education, District One

Joseph "Joey" Arnold filed paperwork Friday, March 7, with the Coffee County Office of Probate in which he stated his intentions to pursue the position of Coffee County District 1 Board of Education Member.

Arnold, a lifetime resident of Coffee County, and a 1995 graduate of Zion Chapel High School, is married to the former Catrina Smith of New Brockton. They have two children: Hannah, age six, and Heidi, age five.

Arnold earned both Bachelor's of Science and Master's of Science degrees in education from Troy University and has been awarded both a "Class A" Teacher Certification and Highly Qualified Status by the State of Alabama. He previously was employed by the Enterprise City School System, where he taught remedial classes for the Alabama High School Graduation Exam. Presently, he



Joseph "Joey" Arnold

is employed at Red Level High School in Covington County where he serves as a full-time history teacher and sponsor of the school's chapter of the National Beta Club.

During the 1990-2000 school year, Arnold was selected as Red Level High School Teacher of the Year and was

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